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SUBJ: PROBABLE GOJ AND EEC RICE AID TO CAMBODIA

REF: (A) TOKYO 4543; (B) STATE 70003

1. WITH THE DECISION TO DEFER THE LAST INCREMENT OF RICE UNDER THE PRESENT PL 480 AGREEMENT, WE RECOMMEND THAT THE GOJ AND THE EEC BE APPROACHED TO SEE IF EACH COULD PROVIDE AT LEAST 10,000 TONS TO CAMBODIA.

2. PARA 2. E. OF REF. A STATES THAT JAPANESE ARE CONSIDERING SOME FORM OF NEW IICE AID FOR CAMBODIA DURING THE PRESENT GOJ FY. IF THE JAPANESE COULD BE PERSUADED TO PROVIDE RICE IN THE NEAR FUTURE, THIS WOULD BE EXTREMELY HELPFUL. ANOTHER POSSIBILITY WOULD BE TO DIVERT TO CAMBODIA SOME OF THE RICE SCHEDULED FOR BANGLADESH, KOAL ,# AND INDONESIA WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT SUCH RICE WOULD BE REPLACED BY PL 480 RICE AT A LATER DATE.

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3. PREVIOUS EXCHANGES HAVE INDICATED POSSIBLE INTEREST BY THE EEC IN PROVIDING RICE TO THE INDOCHINESE STATES. WE KNOW THAT AT LEAST THE FRG DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVE IN PHNOM PENH AND THE CHIEF OF THE ICRC DELEGATION HERE HAVE TRANSMITTED DATA FOR THE USE OF THE EEC IN THIS CONNECTION. IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO FIND OUT WHETHER THE EEC HAS GIVEN ANY FURTHER CONSIDERATION TO THIS MATTER AND IF THERE IS AN OPENINICS.

PART VIII: MR-4: ICCS VINH LONG SUBMITS TWO UNANIMOUS REPORTS; ICCS HELICOPTERS AUTHORIZED UNDER STRICTLY REGULATED CIRCUMSTANCES; AIR AND ARTILLERY RESTRICTIONS AFFECT RVNAF MORALE.

PART I: INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF CONTROL AND SUPERVISION (ICCS)

1. DISCUSSION ON THE LAO BAO HELICOPTER SHOOT- DOWN CONTINUES IN TODAY' S ICCS PLENARY SESSION, AS THE REGIONAL INVESTIGATING TEAM CONTINUES TO INTERVIEW SURVIVORS OF THE COMPANION HELICOPTER. SEE PART V)

2. DURING APRIL 18 CALL ON AMBASSADOR WHITEHOUSE, ACTING CHIEF INDODEL IMRAD IDRIS EXPRESSED INDODEL' S CONCERN THAT THE PARIS TALKS WERE LEADING NOWHERE. HE SAID THAT THE TPJMC IS STYMIED, HOSTILITIES ARE INCREASING, AND THERE HAS BEEN NO REDUCTION IN THE ANIMOSITY EXISTING BETWEEN THE TWO SOUTH VIETNAMESE ELEMENTS. HE EXPRESSED INDODEL' S VIEW THAT BOTH SIDES ARE DETERMINED " TO HAVE SHOWDOWN". HE ALSO SAID THAT INDODEL INTENDED TO " RAISE HELL" ON THE LAO BAO HELICOPTER SHOOT- DOWN.
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PART II: FOUR PARTY JOINT MILITARY TEAM/ MISSING IN ACTION (FPJMT/ MIA)

1. THE FPJMT/ MIA MET ON APRIL 17 BUT ACCOMPLISHED LITTLE. FORMAL DISCUSSION CONTINUED TO FOCUS ON FAILURE TO ACHIEVE UNANIMOUS AGREE- MENT ON THE SIZE OF EACH DELEGATION AND FPJMT PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES.

2. IN A PRIVATE MEETING APRIL 17 WITH DRV DELEGATION, USDEL RAISED MATTER OF TWO THAI WHO ARE, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, STILL BEING DETAINED IN NVN. DRV DELEGATION ASSERTED THAT ALL U. S. AND THIRD COUNTRY PW HAD BEEN RELEASED BUT ASKED FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE TWO THAI WHICH USDEL AGREED TO PROVIDE. USDEL PRESENTED DRV DELEGATION WITH A LIST OF 105 U. S. AND THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS WHO ARE MISSING IN ACTION AND REQUESTED THE

DRV TO PROVIDE US WITH ANY AVAILABLE INFORMATION. (THE SAME LIST WAS ALSO PRESENTED TO THE PRG DELEGATION. OVER 80 PERCENT OF THE PERSONS ON THE LIST ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN CAPTURED ALIVE BY THE DRV OR PRG.)

3. IN A PRIVATE MEETING WITH THE PRG DELEGATION ON APRIL 17, USDEL REFERRED TO RECENT REPORT THAT PRG SPOKESMAN IN PARIS HAD INDICATED THAT SOME U. S. PW MAY BE DETAINED BY THE KHMER ROUGE. USDEL REQUESTED ANY INFORMATION REGARDING U. S. OR THIRD COUNTRY PW HELD BY CAMBODIAN ALLIES OF PRG, AND PRG DELEGATION AGREED TO PASS ALONG U. S. REQUEST TO PRG AUTHORITIES AT LOC NINH.

PART III: SPEECH BY DRV FOREIGN MINISTER

DRV FOREIGN MINISTER NGUYEN DUY TRINH SPOKE AT A " GRAND MEETING" IN HANOI ON APRIL 15 TO WELCOME THE PATHET LAO DELEGATION HEADED BY NOUHAK PHOUMSAVAN. IN DISCUSSING VIETNAM, TRINH CLAIMED THAT WASHINGTON AND SAIGON WERE VIOLATING " IMPORTANT CLAUSES" OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT. HE ALLEGED THAT " THIS SITUATION SERIOUSLY THREATENS PEACE IN SOUTH VIETNAM."

PART IV: HANOI DENOUNCES U. S. ACTIONS IN CAMBODIA AND LAOS

A DRV FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT ON APRIL 17 CONDEMNED U. S. ACTIONS IN CAMBODIA AND LAOS. HANOI CALLED THE RENEWED US CONFIDENTIAL

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BOMBING IN LAOS A " A NEW MILITARY ESCALATION OF AN EXTREMELY SERIOUS CHARACTER," WHICH ENDANGERED PEACE " IN THE INDOCHINESE COUNTRIES." A SOMEWHAT LOWER LEVEL FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN STATEMENT ON THE SAME DAY CLAIMED IN SIMILAR TERMS THAT ARVN'S OPERATION INTO CAMBODIA WAS " BRAZEN AGGRESSION UNDERTAKEN BY WASHINGTON AND SAIGON" IN VIOLATION OF THE PARIS PEACE AGREEMENT.

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